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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Bruck Kifle
Group : 1624 Confirmation No.: 4312
Applicants : Mark J. Batchelor et al.
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ENZYME

New York, New York
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Hon. Commissioner
for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This responds to the August 29, 2003
Restriction Requirement in the above-identified
application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently
herewith to extend the period for responding to that
action for three (3) months, from September 29, 2003 up
to and including December 29, 2003, and have paid the
fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3).

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